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SUBJECT: DRAFTING GROUP MEETING, JULY 31, 1975 (SALT TWO - 703)

1. DRAFTING GROUP DISCUSSION (A-926) CENTERED ON ARTICLE VI PARAGRAPH 3 (DISMANTLING AND DESTRUCTION), WITH EACH SIDE SUPPORTING ITS RESPECTIVE BRACKETED LANGUAGE. SOVIETS VIEWED US LANGUAGE ("OR UNTIL OTHERWISE AGREED") AS CONNECTED TO US PROPOSAL IN ARTICLE XVIII 2(B) REGARDING REPLACEMENT AND CONVERSION AND 2(I) (VERIFICATION ISSUES) AND ACCORDINGLY OPPOSED IT WITH RATIONALE SIMILAR TO THAT PREVIOUSLY ADVANCED AGAINST THOSE US PARAGRAPHS.

2. IN COURSE OF DISCUSSION, IT BECAME CLEAR THAT SOVIETS TAKE POSITION THAT IN NEW AGREEMENT SCC WOULD HAVE TO BE NOTIFIED OF INVOLUNTARY LOSS (E.G., CRASH OF HEAVY BOMBER) ONLY IN CONNECTION WITH REPLACEMENT THEREOF, HENCE THEIR REFERENCE TO ARTICLE XI. IT REMAINED UNCLEAR WHETHER SUCH NOTIFICATION IN CONTEXT OF REPLACEMENT WOULD BE REQUIRED IF LOSS OCCURRED WHEN A SIDE WAS BELOW 2,400 AGGREGATE, ALTHOUGH TOWARD END OF MEETING KARPOV SEEMED TO INDICATE ANSWER WAS AFFIRMATIVE.

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3. AT END OF SESSION US SIDE PROPOSED FOLLOWING REVISED

PREAMBLE LANGUAGE FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION: "RECOGNIZING THAT
THE STRENGTHENING OF STRATEGIC STABILITY MEETS THE INTERESTS
OF THE PARTIES AND THE INTERESTS OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY."

4. NEXT MEETING MONDAY AUGUST 4. JOHNSON

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